BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1976 AT NOON IN THE HALL BUILDING.

ATTENDANCE: Present were: Mr. C.A. Duff, Chairman, Mr. H.J. Hemens, Q.C. Chancellor, Prof. J. Bordan, Prof. A. Dickie, Mr. G. Frampton Rev. A. Graham, S.J., Mr. R.L. Grassby, Dr. H. Habib, Mr. M. Horgan, Mr. J. James, Prof. J. Jenkins, Prof. T. Maag, Mr. P.M. McEntyre, Dr. J. McGraw, Dr. J.W. O'Brien, Rev. R.E. O'Connor, S.J. Prof. O.A. Pekau, Mr. J.J. Pepper, Q.C., Dr. J. Smola, Mr. J.W. Tait, Mr. S. Vavalidis, Mr. C. Wisniewski, Mr. R.P. Duder, Secretary.

OPEN SESSION

1. Minutes of previous (April 8, 1976) meeting and of the Special meeting of May 4, 1976.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of these two meetings were accepted.

2. Business arising out of the Minutes

Student Services Budget 1976-77

The Rector's memorandum of May 7 was presented by Dr. O'Brien who made the following proposal:

"1. that the budget be established in accordance with the figures tabled with the Board of Governors on April 8.

2. that the student service fees be established at the level shown in the first column below, rather than at the level originally proposed and shown in the second column below:

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| Full time students | $67.50 | $70.00 |
| Part time students | 13.50 | 14.00 |
| Thesis only students | 14.00 | 14.00 |
| Summer students (not enrolled in previous fall) | 5.00 | 5.00 |

3. that these fees become effective for the fall term, inasmuch as summer fees are already being collected.

4. that student service administration be instructed to attain a balanced budget by the end of 1976-77, at expenditure levels no higher than those in the approved budget, this goal to be attained either through reductions in expenditure or through higher revenues from the government grant in the event that higher enrolment or a change in policy makes this possible.

5. that student service fees be waived for those enrolled in the SGW Faculty of Arts pilot project for senior citizens."

Dr. O'Brien reported that the Student Associations and the U.C.S.L. (Sir George Williams) had agreed to waive or lower the Student Association fees for the SGW Faculty of Arts pilot project for senior citizens.

A motion to adopt the Rector's proposal was seconded and was therefore before the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Frampton reported that the Student Associations had agreed to propose a Student Service fee of $65, particularly in view of the imminent establishment of the Concordia Council on Student Life. The Chairman pointed out that the $67.50 figure proposed by the Rector was already a compromise and the Rector added that $65 would almost certainly involve a real risk of deficit in the Student Services budget. Mr. Wisniewski interjected that, according to his calculations, a $65 fee would mean a deficit of $25,000 only, a risk that he thought students were willing to take. The Rector reiterated that a $65. fee was a level of maximum risk which was at the extreme limit of legitimate consideration. He pointed out the problems caused by a predicted fall in enrolment next year, the absence of accumulated surpluses and the change in government policy on subsidies to student services.

Mr. Horgan proposed and Mr. Wisniewski seconded an amendment to the motion to the effect that the Student Service fee be changed to $65. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 5 in favour, and 8 against.

The motion to adopt the Rector's proposal was then put to the meeting and was carried by a vote of 14 in favour and 3 against.

3. Committee Reports

The Chairman spoke of the 1976 annual public appeal for funds, under the Chairmanship of Dudley Dawson with John Pepper as Vice-Chairman. This appeal was launched last week with an objective of $450,000 and is being directed to corporations, alumni, faculty and staff and individuals throughout the community. Mr. Dorrance would be happy to hear from any members of the University Community who would like to act as a canvasser.

4. Staff Reports

Dr. Smola said that this would probably be his last meeting as a Governor and he wished to thank all Members of the Board for their help to him during his term of office. He added that, in his view, the finances of the University were in pretty good shape.

After the Chairman had expressed the Board's thanks to Dr. Smola for all his work for the University, the Chancellor incorporated the good wishes of the Board for Dr. Smola's future career in a motion, which was seconded and carried unanimously.

5. New Business

(i) Recommendation from the Task Force on the Council Organization 'of Student Services.

The Rector introduced the recommendation of the Task Force on the Council Organization of Student Services which proposed the establishment of the Concordia Council on Student Life. After Father Graham had spoken of the work of the Task Force, a motion was made, seconded and carried that the Board accept the recommendation of the Task Force.

A copy of the Task Force's recommendation will be inserted in the Minute Book.

(ii) Motion to amend 12 B (ii) of the By-laws.

This recommendation proposed the following amendment to Article 12 B (ii) of Section V of the By-laws:

"Six (6) Governors, three faculty from the Loyola Campus and three faculty from the Sir George Williams Campus, who shall be nominated from the faculty by Senate."

It was suggested that this motion be tabled until the next meeting and the Chancellor proposed that it be placed at the top of the agenda of the June meeting. The Rector pointed out that. if the motion were to be tabled until the June meeting, it could not come into effect in time to affect nominations from Senate which would have to be brought to the same June meeting. Dr. O'Brien added that, even if the motion were to be tabled, Senate would be taking account of the underlying issues when it made its nominations to the Board.

Dr. Maag reminded the Board of the situation, which had recently been brought before the Board, concerning the election of faculty by Senate which involved the participation in the election of faculty by student Senators.

Professor Bordan, mentioning Dean Breen's concern in this matter, proposed that the Dean's intervention in the Senate meeting of March 26, 1976 be read into the record of the Board's meeting. What Dean Breen said at that meeting is, therefore, reproduced below:

> "Dean Breen argued that since the establishment of Concordia up to the present, some of the delicate matters that have been expected to be presented to the Board of Governors have not come before the Board until now. Specifically, the future of Science, the future of the Loyola Arts and Science Faculty, the establishment of University-wide contractual procedures, and the adoption of a common Faculty Manual, all of which require as much input as possible from the two founding institutions."
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> "Of all the matters which come before the Board of Governors, these certainly rank among those which affect the Faculty the most. These delicate questions will be discussed and decided upon certainly within the coming two years and it would be most unfortunate if a procedure for the selection of the Faculty representatives were adopted which resulted in one of the founding institutions being under-represented. For so many people this could affect the credibility of the Board of Governors."

It was proposed and seconded, that this item be tabled until the next meeting of the Board.

The motion was then voted on and carried by a vote of 10 in favour and 4 against.

6. Other business

(1) Dr. Habib said that he would like to call the Board's attention to the fact that the Secretary of the Board, Mr. R.P. Duder, was to have the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters conferred upon him by Memorial University of Newfoundland on May 29, 1976. The Board expressed its congratulations by applause.

(ii) The Chairman asked Members of the Executive Committee to note that the Committee would meet on May 28 at noon in the Hall Building to approve Senate's recommendations on the graduating classes for the Spring Convocations. Any other members of the Board would be welcome to attend.

7. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting of the Board will take place on June 10 at noon in the Hall Building.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2.30 p.m.

R.P. Duder
Secretary of the Board

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